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SUBJECT: RESEARCH CRUISE USNS LYNCH

1. THE USNS LYNCH IS SCHEDULED FOR A COOPERATIVE GEOLOGICAL GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH CRUISE WHICH WILL INVESTIGATE SELECTED PORTIONS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELVES OF GREENLAND AND ICELAND. DURING PHASE ONE OF THE CRUISE, 5 TO 27 JULY, THE SCIENTISTS WILL BE STUDYING THE SOUTHEASTERN SHELF OF GREENLAND. ON PHASE TWO, 27 JULY TO 9 AUGUST, THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE FOCUSED ON THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN ICELANDIC SHELF. THIS CRUISE IS A JOINT RESEARCH EFFORT BY SCIENTISTS OF THE US, ICELAND AND DENMARK. THE SCIENTIFIC PARTY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF G. L. JOHNSON OF THE NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE, INCLUDES PARTICIPANTS FROM THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AT REYKJAVIK AND THE DANISH GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE. THE VESSEL WILL EMPLOY DREDGE HAULS, MAGNETIC PROFILING, SEISMIC REFLECTION PROFILING (WITH AIRGUN, NOT EXPLOSIVES) AND SOME REFRACTION WORK WITH SONOBUOYS IN AN ATTEMPT TO BETTER DEFINE AND

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UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURE AND ORIGIN OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND MARGIN. DURING THE CRUISE THE LYNCH WILL MAKE BRIEF CALLS AT REYKJAVIK ON OR ABOUT 23 JULY AND AGAIN ON 8 AUGUST. THIS CRUISE EVIDENTLY FOLLOW UP TO SIMILAR EFFORT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

2. THE USNS LYNCH IS A NAVY RESEARCH VESSEL MANNED BY A CIVILIAN CREW OF THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND. SHE IS 208 FT IN LENGTH, AND DISPLACES 1355 TONS. HER MASTER IS CHARLES GLADDEN WITH A CREW OF 26 AND A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 8.

3. ACTION: INITIATE CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR VESSEL TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH UPON THE CONTINENTAL SHELVES AS OUTLINED ABOVE. VESSEL OPERATOR, COMSCLANT, WILL ARRANGE THE REYKJAVIK CALLS. PORTER

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